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**MESSAGE:**

Winette:

Please find a copy of original Change of Mailing Address filed on April 15, 2003. After speaking with you by telephone today, it appears that it was never entered. Therefore, I am faxing you a copy. Also included is the postcard and certificate of mailing. The certificate of mailing shows that this paper was sent on April 15, 2003, and the postcard shows a receiving date of April 21, 2003. Since according to the postcard, the paper was received in OIPE, it may never have made it to the appropriate art unit.

Please call me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Mike Bergnach

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Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Allowance for the above-identified application having an incorrect correspondence mailing address. The address on the Notice of Allowance is 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 8660, Chicago, IL 60606. The correct correspondence address at the time of the mailing was 300 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2500, Chicago, IL 60606. Therefore, the Notice of Allowance was mailed to the wrong address.

The Applicants' attorney made several requests to change the correspondence address before the Notice of Allowance was mailed. On February 19, 2002 and April 15, 2003, requests for a change of address were mailed to the PTO. Copies are enclosed with postcard receipts. Also, on August 29, 2003, because the correspondence address still had not been changed, our staff resent a copy of the April 15 Request to the PTO via fax. The correspondence address was finally changed on September 15, 2003. The Notice of Allowance was mailed on July 1, 2003, which is before the correspondence address was actually changed by the PTO. Therefore, the Applicants' attorney never received the Notice of Allowance due to the failure of the PTO to change its records, and through no fault of Applicants.

Applicants' attorney's office staff found that the Notice of Allowance was mailed only through routine check of the status of the application on October 8, 2003. A group 2800 customer service representative sent a copy of the Notice of Allowance to the attorney's office at that time.

To further establish that Applicants' attorneys never received the Notice of

Allowance, enclosed is a statement from Patrick G. Burns, the attorney for Applicants. His statement attests to the fact that through a search of the file for the above-identified application and of the corresponding docket records, the Notice of Allowance was not found and there was no evidence indicating that it was ever received. Additionally, the enclosed docket records show that this case (file no.: 2803.63294) was waiting for a response to a previously filed RCE. (Applicants filed a RCE on April 8, 2003.) No dates, however, were docketed for the Notice of Allowance. Enclosed are printouts from September 30, 2003 through October 4, 2003 comprising every event docketed at the attorney's office. If the Notice of Allowance had been received and docketed, it would appear in the docket record on October 1, 2003, which is three months from its mailing date.

The usual practice when the attorney's staff receives a Notice of Allowance is to enter the mailing date into field No. 6 on the docket record for a response to the amendment. This date completes the record. Next, a new docket record is generated from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance to remind the attorney of the corresponding due date. In this case, neither of the above actions happened, which provides evidence that the Notice of Allowance was never received by the attorney's office and hence, never docketed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this application to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. However, the above showing should sufficiently indicate that the Notice of Allowance was sent to the wrong address and, likewise, the Office should mail a new Notice of Allowance without a charge for the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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By 

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October 20, 2003

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documents received from the PTO are date stamped by the mailroom, and given to the docketing department with the file. Relevant dates are entered into a computer database, and the dates entered are independently verified. For applications like the present application, a copy of the document is immediately sent to the client. The file is then given to someone for action, if needed.

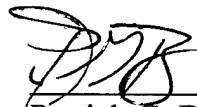
3. A Notice of Allowance was mailed to the wrong address for the above-identified case and never received at GBC. During a routine check of the status of the above-identified file conducted between GBC staff and a group 2800 customer service representative at the PTO, it was discovered that a Notice of Allowance was mailed on July 1, 2003. A subsequent search of the file was conducted to locate the Notice of Allowance. The search revealed, however, that there was no evidence of a Notice of Allowance in the file and, according to the file, it was never received. The group 2800 customer service representative faxed the Notice of Allowance to GBC staff. The mailing address printed on the Notice of Allowance was an incorrect and old address, of which GBC had previously requested a change. Requests for change of address were mailed to the PTO from GBC multiple times on February 19, 2002 (Exh. A), April 15, 2003 (Exh. B), and August 29, 2003 (Exh. C). The request for address change was finally processed, and the address was changed on September 15, 2003, despite all of GBC's efforts to properly inform the PTO of a new correspondence address.

4. Prior to the current missing Notice of Allowance, the above-identified file was properly docket at GBC. In this case, the last substantial correspondence between the PTO and GBC was a RCE mailed on April 8, 2003 in response to an Advisory Action mailed on April 2, 2003 (Exh. D). A search of the GBC docket record revealed that the docket clerk properly docketed the RCE according the normal routine. Likewise, according to the docket record, the status of the case was due to be routinely checked on October 8, 2003 (Exh. D). The docket record shows no evidence that the Notice of Allowance was received and entered into the docket system on July 1, 2003. Also, the docket record shows that no reminder dates were generated for the issue fee due date of October 1, 2003 (Exh. E).

5. GBC's failure to respond to the July 1, 2003 Notice of Allowance and timely pay the issue fee by October 1, 2003 was due to the failure to receive the Notice of Allowance and not due to any errors on our part.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed: 20 Oct 03



Patrick G. Burns



2803.63294

PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant: Sasaki et al.

Serial No.: 09/398,126

Filed: September 16, 1999

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY  
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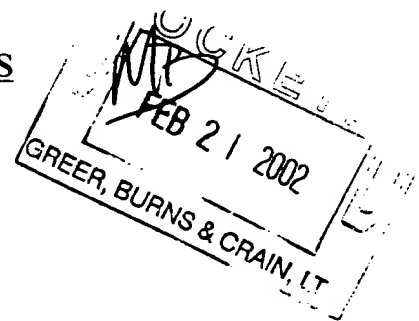
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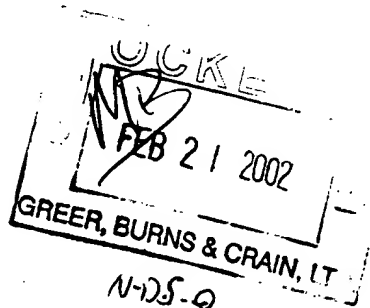
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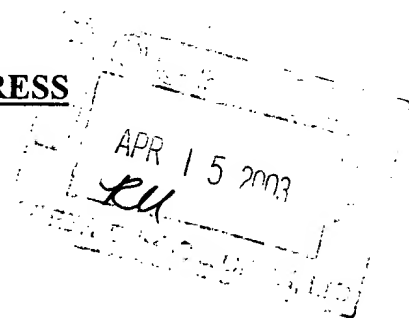
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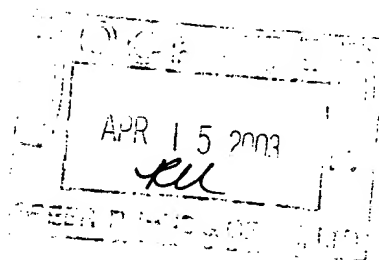
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